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TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY ATHENS IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL FRANKFURT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: RELOCATION OF REGIONAL PERSONNEL CURRENTLY
STATIONED IN BEIRUT

1. POLITICAL/CIVIL UPHEAVAL BEIRUT HAS SERIOUSLY DIS-
RUPTED REGIONAL OPERATIONS OF THE SY REGIONAL TECHNICAL
CENTER (RTC), REGIONAL SECURITY SUPERVISOR (RSS), AND THE
REGIONAL MARINE OFFICE (RMO), BASED AT THAT LOCATION.
THIS FACTOR AND THE UNCERTAINTY SHROUDING LEBANON'S
POLITICAL FUTURE HAS PROMPTED EMBASSY BEIRUT (BEIRUT 11869)
IN RECENT CABLE TO DEPARTMENT TO URGE THAT THIS OPERATION
BE MOVED TO OTHER LOCATION(S) IN THE NEA OR OTHER REGIONS.

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2. AFTER THOUGHTFUL CONSIDERATION, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT MOST PROFITABLE USE OF THESE IMPORTANT SECURITY RESOURCES CAN BE EFFECTED BY DISPERSING THEM AND REALIGNING THEIR RESPECTIVE SERVICE RESPONSIBILITIES. SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS:

A. RELOCATE RSS, RMO OFFICES, ONE TSO AND ONE SEABEE TO TEHRAN.

B. RELOCATE ONE TSO TO ATHENS.

C. RELOCATE TWO TSOS AND TWO SEABEES TO TUNIS.

D. RETAIN ONE TSO AND ONE SEABEE IN BEIRUT.

E. RELOCATE ONE TSO TO REGIONAL TECHNICAL CENTER IN FRANKFURT.

3. FOR TEHRAN: SIX SECURITY PERSONNEL (ONE RSS, THREE RMOS, ONE TSO, ONE SEABEE PLUS ESTIMATED FIVE SPOUSES AND TEN CHILDREN) WILL REQUIRE FOLLOWING ACCOMMODATIONS:

A. OFFICE SPACE - SIX OFFICES.

B. TSO ELECTRONIC LAB AND STAGING AREA - 400 SQUARE FEET MINIMUM.

C. TSO PHOTO LAB - 100 SQUARE FEET MINIMUM.

D. TSO EQUIPMENT STORAGE AREA - 400 SQUARE FEET MINIMUM.

E. SEABEE WORKSHOP - 400 SQUARE FEET MINIMUM.

BECAUSE OF CLASSIFIED CORRESPONDENCE AND TECHNICAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT USED BY THESE OFFICERS, AREAS A, B, AND C SHOULD BE AFFORDED SECURE AREA PROTECTION. AREA D COULD BE ANY GOVERNMENT WAREHOUSE SPACE WHERE HIGH VALUE EQUIPMENT COULD SAFELY BE STORED. AREA E SHOULD BE SUITABLE FOR UTILIZATION OF WOOD AND METAL WORKING MACHINES. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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4. FOR ATHENS: WITH THIRD TECHNICAL SECURITY OFFICER ADDED TO ATHENS, ONE ADDITIONAL OFFICE WOULD BE DESIRABLE. NO OTHER INCREASES ENVISIONED IN SPACE OCCUPIED BY PRESENT ATHENS TSO/SEABEE OPERATION.

5. FOR FRANKFURT: ADDITION OF ONE TSO TO FRANKFURT RTC WOULD REQUIRE NO ADDITIONAL OFFICE OR WORKING SPACE OVER

CURRENT RTC AREAS.

6. FOR BEIRUT RTC AND RSS: TUNIS HAS INDICATED THAT SPACE IS AVAILABLE FOR A TWO TSO/TWO SEABEE OPERATION AT THAT POST. THAT OFFICE WOULD COVER ALL OF NORTH AFRICA EXCLUDING EGYPT AND POSSIBLY SOME SOUTHERN EUROPEAN POSTS. TSO AND SEABEE LEFT IN BEIRUT WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR BEIRUT, DAMASCUS, AMMAN. ADDITIONAL TSO ASSIGNED TO ATHENS WOULD PERMIT EXTENDING ATHENS' REGION TO INCLUDE EGYPT AND ISRAEL ALONG WITH EUROPEAN POSTS NOW SERVICED. TEHRAN TSO/SEABEE OPERATION WOULD SERVICE IRAN AND TRUCIAL STATES. RESPONSIBILITY FOR TECHNICAL SECURITY SERVICES TO JIDDA AND SANA WOULD BE ASSUMED BY RTC ADDIS ABABA.

7. CURRENT SECURITY OPERATIONS OUT OF BEIRUT ARE AT A STANDSTILL. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE PROMPT CABLE RESPONSES FROM ALL ADDRESSEES ON AVAILABILITY OF SPACE AND POST WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT SECURITY PERSONNEL AS OUTLINED ABOVE. INGERSOLL

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